Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Theresa Fulk

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Communion Music

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body

of Christ.

All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our

Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn Come, O Long-expected Jesus No. 125 (After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude

A Joyous Carol
French Noel
arr. Jon Spong
Dee Dee Gain, organist

*All who are able, please stand

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Christmas Unplugged

Advent 2023

December 10, 2023

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Prelude

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime Huron Carol arr. John Ferguson Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome

Michael Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn

No. 27

Come, Thou Almighty King (vs. 1, 2, 4)

*Responsive Reading

Diana Ritter

Leader: If you are lost and alone, God will find you and bring you home.

People: The Lord will lead you through your desert on a holy highway.

Leader: When you face insurmountable odds and overwhelming challenges, God will help you.

People: The Lord will lift up your valleys and make low your mountains.

Leader: When you wonder how you will make it, God will help you see all things clearly.

People: The Lord will make the uneven ground level and the rough places a plain.

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen. *Gloria Patri No. 35

A Time for All God's Children

Vicky Woolridge

Lighting the Advent Candle

The Moran Family (8:00)

The Kirby/Shartzer Family (10:30)

Prayer Hymn

No. 104

Of the Father's Love Begotten (vs. 1, 3)

(8:00) Pastoral Prayer

(10:30) Litany & Prayer of Commissioning Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology

No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Cora Carr

(10:30) Anthem See Amidst the Winter Snow

Scripture Reading

Pg. 667 OT & 34, 35 NT

Isaiah 40:1-4 and Mark 1:1-3, 32-37

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Christmas in the Desert

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn O Morning Star (vs. 1, 3) No. 105 (In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Prayer List



Last updated 12/08/2023

Members

Evelyn Sanders Gretchen Barron Jill Johnson Lawrence Thicksten Shane Garver Peggy Garrett **Ed Adams** Denise Swarthout Don Boyd Jim Hoffert Gene Guthrie Diane Denzer Marla Winkleblack June Moutray Carole Holbrook Tom Ritter

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Bobby Backes (nephew of Keith & Jeannie Backes)
Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter & grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary
(great-nephew of Marilyn Ward)
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)
Lucas Ward (grandson of Marilyn Ward)
Ryan Smithson (grandson of Jim & Vicki Fitzpatrick)

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Doris McArty (Imboden Creek)
Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)
Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)
Glen & Arlone Dalluge (Randall Residence)
Barb Tyler (Tanglewood)
Bess King (The Glenwood)
Jean Goretzke (Primrose)
Nancy Taylor (Primrose)
Bob & Peggy Garrett (Primrose)
Morris Birkhead (Villas at Hollybrook)
Marilyn Ward (Courtyard Estates)

Chloe Hoaglin (Vonderleith)

Derald Hartley (The Grove)

Don Swallow (Hickory Pt. Christian Village)

Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann) Shannon Francisco (friend of Bob Smith) Michael Moran (son-in-law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack) Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert) Harriette York (mother of David York) Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert) Jane Spires (friend of many CCC members) Mark Demoulin (son of Jahala Demoulin) Bob Campbell (brother of Bruce Campbell) Quentin Wilmot (brother of Kevin Wilmot) Matt Andrews (son-in-law of Jean Maggioncalda) Ruth & Randy Helm (friends of Donna Dash) Keith Osborne (brother of Jan Dobbs) Tom & Betty Smith (friends of Maria Jacobs) Shannon Borntreger (son of Kathy Kauzlarich) Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow) Bob & Jean Lucas (friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor) Sally Pease (friend of Nancy Ellen Taylor) Dixie Dixon (friend of Linda Virgil) Sandy Schaick (friend of Lucy Acheson) Matt Bean & family (friend of Erik & Carly Barnes) Yamile Leyva (friend of Maria Jacobs) Cecelia Adams (family of Ed & Joy Adams) Scott Adams (family of Ed & Joy Adams) Bill & Nanette Frank (friends to many CCC members) Larry Baker (friend of Keith Backes & David Wagner) David Demoulin (grandson of Jahala Demoulin) Evelyn Drahovzal (friend of Charlotte Ballance) Rea Virt (mother of Diana Ritter) Shirley Elkin (friend to many CCC members) Mark Neisslie (uncle of Carly Barnes)

Worship Extras December 10, 2023

Lighting of Advent Candle

Leader: God's favorite way of connecting with us is through messengers.

People: We thank God for those who have been messengers of the Good News to us.

Leader: The prophet Isaiah promised that God would comfort us in our time of worry and bring peace to our lives through Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

People: "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem that she will receive from the Lord's hand double for all her sins."

Leader: John the Baptist prepared the people for Jesus' coming by connecting with them where he found them.

People: We thank God for those who have met us where we are and who prepared our hearts to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.

(Light the second candle)

Leader: We light this second candle, the candle of peace.

People: May we give thanks for those who were messengers of God's peace for us, and may we be messengers of the same peace for others.

All: Thanks be to God for the peace we have in Christ.

Serving Schedules

Today

Elders: Theresa Fulk, Charlotte Ballance

Dec. Prep Deacons: Karen Penn, Becky Johnston

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - David Wagner, Debbie Hoffert 10:30 - Roberta Gorden, Luke Kirby

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn, Charlotte Ballance

10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller

Greeters:

8:00 - Carolyn McCall, Gail Prince

10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Diana Ritter

Next Sunday, December 17, 2023

Elders: Dick Cain, Kevin Wilmot

December Communion Elders: Janet Lyman, Karen Wade, Brett Swallow, Cheryl Zollinger, Jeannie Backes, Gretchen Kirby, and Suzie Miller

Dec. Prep Deacons: Karen Penn, Becky Johnston

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Patti Swinford, Nancy King

10:30 - Andrea Shartzer, Jeannie Backes

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos, Brittney Moran, Bobby Munos, Julia Munos, Blair Moran 10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Gene & Sandy Garver

10:30 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Keith Backes

Liturgist: Andy & Theresa Fulk (Christmas Offering)